(c) whether it is a fact that despite big capacities permitted no fresh investment was made;

(d) if so, the investment made against each project after delicensing;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the capacities created earlier than the announcement of delicensing for most of these drugs are much more than the requirement of the country;

(f) if so, whether Government are proposing to review the list of delicensed drugs; and

(g) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) The bulk drugs recently delicensed by Government are considered to be essential and priority drugs whose production needs to be increased to ensure availability. Demand and capacity are not taken as constraints while granting such registration under the DLR Scheme.

(b) Details of capacity granted to various companies are being published regularly by the IIC, in their monthly News letter, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. The Seventh Plan targets for various bulk drugs are available in the report of the Working Group on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, copies of which are also available in the Parliament Library.

(c) and (d) Delicensing scheme was announced only recently and it is too early to assess the expected investments.

(e) Already covered under (a) above.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.

Drug manufacturing

2627. DR. H. P. SHARMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the organised sector drug manufacturing companies are producing in excess those formulations for which they have obtained stay orders from various High Courts against the prices fixed by Government for the formulations or the bulk drugs on which these formulations are based;

(b) if so, what was the production of each drug from 1979 onwards and sales turnover of each formulation of same period;

(c) if so, what is the original licenced capacity of each drug and formulation, re-endorsed capacity and production during 1985-86;

(d) what was the original price fixed, refixed and present selling price for each; and

(e) what is the excess amount charged from the consumer on each product up-to-date from the date of fixation of price ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (d) Information to the extent available in respect of drug matters in the Delhi High Court has already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 859 answered on 25th March, 1985. Information to the extent available in respect of drug matters in other High Courts would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(e) The concerned manufacturers are charging the prices as allowed by the High Courts and as such the excess amount can not be determined at this stage.

Production of drugs in small scale units

2628. DR. H. P. SHARMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of organised sector drug companies are getting

their products manufactured from non-associated small scale units;

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies and their products;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these companies are paying around one fourth of their selling price to small scale units being the price of product including material, packing and manufacturing costs;

(d) whether it is also a fact that price approval not being obtained under this process and the consumer is being looted; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : (a), (d) and (e) Instances of large and medium scale drug units marketing their products after getting them manufactured by small scale units who are exempted from seeking price approval for category III products under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 have come to the notice of the Government. Such units are free to make marketing arrangements with other units, under the law. The entire scheme of Price Control is under the examination of the Government.

(b) and (c) This information is not readily available. Collection of this information will involve considerable time and labour and the results likely to be achieved will not be commensurate with the time and efforts involved in the collection of this formulation.

Prices of Becasule Capsules

2629. DR. H. P. SHARMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Becasule Capsules, Surbex-T and many other Vitamin preparations are being sold at very high prices;

(b) whether it is also a fact that prices fixed for these products under Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 have not been implemented and drug companies are charging their own prices;

(c) if so, what were the original prices fixed for each of these products alongwith the refixed prices and present selling prices; and

(d) what was the annual sales turn over of each of these products during the last three years, yearwise and how much amount has been charged extra from consumer in each product from the date of fixation of price of each product ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) Becasule capsules and Surbex-T tablets are being sold at prices as per the orders of Bombay High Court.

(c) The original prices and the revised prices fixed by Government and current selling prices are given in the attached statement. (*See* below).

(d) Sales turnover of individual formulations is not monitored.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the formulations	Pack Size	Original price fixed	Price fixed by the Government	Price currently being charged by the company
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Becasule Capsules	20's B.	6·13	7·58	8·84
2	Becasule Capsules	100's B.	26·87	833·30	33·10
3	Surbex-T Tablet	25's	6·36	8·08	10·03
4	Surbex-T Tablet	100's	22·29	29·18	33·51